(ख) राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग सं. 7 पर नर्मदा पर एक ऊंचे पुल सहित 5.4 कि. मी. लम्बे जबलपुर "बाईपास" का एक हिस्सा निर्माणाधीन है। 1991–92 के दौरान इस कार्य के लिए बजट प्रावधान की प्रस्तावित राशि 33.35 लाख रु. है।

Conversion of State Highways into National Highways in Tamil Nadu

250. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any request from the Tamil Nadu Government to convert:

(i) Madurai-Tenkasi State Highways;

(ii) Trinulveli-Kollam State Highway into the National Highways-and

(b) if so, what is the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER' OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A decision in this regard can be taken only after finalisation of the 8th Five Year Plan, having regard to different factors, such as the criteria prescribed for new National Highways, recommendations made by the National Transport Policy Committee, *inter-se* priority of various proposals, availability of funds etc.

Indo-China Relations

251. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN:

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to maintain cordial relationship with China and what is the response of the Chinese Government;

(b) what steps are being taken to settle the border dispute between India and China;

(c) whether there is any Rending invitation from the Chinese Government to either the Prime Minister or the Foreign Minister to visit China and whether there is any pending invitation from India to the Chinese Head of State or Foreign Minister to visit India;

(d) what are the ultimate results of the meetings of official spokesman of two countries which were held in the recent past to discuss the border dispute and other allied topics;

(e) whether Government is aware of the provocative innuendos about alleged Indian expansionism and hegemonism presented in a paper, at a Seminar in Colombo recently by an Associate Professor of Beijing University; and

(f) whether any clarification was sought on this paper from the authorities in Beijijng or from the Ambas, sador of China in Delhi to ascertain whether it is the thinking of the individual or thinking of the Chinese Government?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Since the visit of the then Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi to China in 1988, there has been, a marked improvement in India-China relations. The high level political dialogue with China on matters of mutual concern has gathered momentum. The scale of scientific, technical and cultural exchanges has been steadily expanded. Agreement has been reached in principle on reopening Consulates General in Shanghai and Bombay and also to resume border trade.

The Chinese Government has expressed its satisfaction with the improvement of India-China relations, and has expressed confidence that these relations will further improve and develop.

(b) and (d) Both Governments are agreed that sincere efforts should be made to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the* boundary question. A Joint Working Group has been set up to deal with this subject. The Group has held three meetings so far, during which the two sides have enhanced their understanding of each other's approach to the solution of the boundary question. Measures for strengthening peace and tranquillity in the border areas have also been discussed.

(c) The Chinese Premier Mr. Li-Peng has been invited to visit India. There is no pending invitation from the Chinese Government to either the Prime Minister or Minister of External Affairs to visit China.

(e) The Government has seen the paper presented by Lin Liang Guang, Associate Professor of Beijing University, at a recent Seminar in Colombo.

Cf) A clarification was sought from the Chinese authorities. They have stated that the scholar attended the Seminar in his personal capacity and that his paper does not represent the position of the Chinese Government.

Communications Policy

252. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare a communications policy and if so, what is the idea behind it; and

(b) what is the' time limit and whether it is likely to be laid during the Current Session of Parliament?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. The policy proposes to provide guidelines for development and operation of services under the Ministry of Communications.

(b) All efforts are being made to lay the Policy document on the Table of the Parliament as early as possible.

Telephone Advisory Committee of Uttar Pradesh

253. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the pre sent members of U.P. Telephone Advisory Committee with their ad dresses; and

(b) when it was constituted and what is its term?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):

(a) The requisite information is furnished in the statement.

(b) All Telephone Advisory Committees constituted by the previous Government on 28-3-91 are being reviewed.

Statement

Uttar Pradesh Telecom Advisory Committee list of. members with their addresses.

1. Sh. Ish Dutt Yadav, M.P. (RS) Azamgarh, (U.P.).
2. Sri Surya Bhan Singh, MLA, Civil Lines, Sultanpur.
3. Sri Shyam Sunder Sharma, MLC, Ghaziabad.
4. Sri Ashok Rana, MLA, Syohara, Bijnor.
5. Sri Nivendra Kumar, MLA, Nighasan, Lakhimpur Kheri.
6. Capt. Shashank Shekhar, Principal Secretary, Civil Aviation, U.P., Lucknow.
7. Sri Sharat C. Pradhan, Dilkusha, Lucknow.